

## *California Recovery Task Force*

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### **Recovery Task Force Issues Statement on Additional \$70 Million in Recovery Funds Obligated to California Transportation**

California Recovery Task Force Director Cynthia Bryant today issued the statement below after the U.S. Department of Transportation obligated over \$70 million in additional Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) funding for 12 transit and aviation projects in California. Yesterday, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that California leads the nation with over \$1.5 billion in federal obligations for Recovery Act funds federally designated for transportation.

“As we know from the bond funds championed by Governor Schwarzenegger, investing in California’s infrastructure stimulates our economy and supports long-term economic growth while also reducing traffic congestion and improving our very quality of life. When President Obama showed interest in infrastructure investment through the Recovery Act we jumped into high gear in California – and are working around the clock to pump this funding into our economy as quickly, effectively and responsibly as possible.”

The additional California projects that have received federal approval and obligation of Recovery Act funding include:

- \$25,738,903 to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District for preventative maintenance to its transit fleet of 643 buses and facilities.
- \$16,497,214 to the Long Beach Public Transportation Company for the rehabilitation of buses, the purchase of support equipment, the upgrade of a bus maintenance facility and the addition of bus stop amenities.
- \$4,714,391 to the Sunline Transit Agency for two bus bays in the maintenance facility and fifty additional bus shelters.
- \$4,700,000 to Metropolitan Oakland International for the continuation of the east apron rehabilitation at Metropolitan Oakland International Airport.
- \$4,393,000 to Gold Coast Transit for the purchase of eight expansion buses and the upgrade of the electronic fare collection system.

- \$3,584,821 to the City of Gardena for the purchase of six replacement buses with hybrid gasoline-electric engines.
- \$3,134,985 to the City of Fairfield for the purchase of nine buses.
- \$2,054,603 to the City of Lodi for various transit improvements.
- \$2,015,700 to the City of Simi Valley for the purchase of three replacement low-floor buses and 26 shelters and ADA operations.
- \$1,670,987 to the Redding Area Bus Authority for the purchase of nine replacement vans for paratransit and replacement coaches for fixed route service.
- \$1,301,660 to the City of Porterville for the purchase of three buses and the rehabilitation of its maintenance facility.
- \$685,000 to the County of Sonoma for the rehabilitation of the existing terminal building at the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport.

Recovery Act funding is designated for federally defined purposes. California is expected to receive nearly \$2.6 billion from the Recovery Act for highways and local streets and \$1 billion for transit projects. Competitive programs within the Recovery Act could also provide approximately \$300 million in additional funding in this area. Additionally, California expects to be very competitive in securing a portion of \$8 billion Recovery Act funding set aside federally for high-speed rail and intercity rail.

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